

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re application of

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 3-5 of the Notice of Allowability dated April 10, 2007. The Reasons for Allowance include a reproduction of a dye of formula (I) and the definitions of the variables of formula (I). However, Applicants note that a hydrogen atom is omitted from the definition of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> at page 4, lines 4-8 of the Notice of Allowability. Applicants respectfully submit that the definition of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> of formula (I) in claim 1 includes a hydrogen atom as presented in the Amendment filed November 20, 2006.

Accordingly, the statement is deficient by failing to acknowledge that R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> of formula (I) may each independently represent a hydrogen atom.

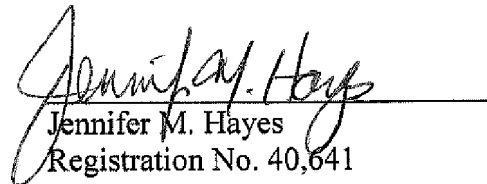
Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment (PTA) accrued by the Applicant to date. As

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emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, Applicants should not incur any loss of PTA as a result of the filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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